



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DoD-2022-OS-0009]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by [INSERT 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID-19 /pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Human Resources Activity, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 08F05, Alexandria, VA 22350, LaTarsha Yeargins, 571-372-2089.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

TITLE; ASSOCIATED FORM; AND OMB NUMBER: Survey of Reserve Component Spouses; OMB Control Number 0704-RCSS.

NEEDS AND USES: The DoD Survey of Reserve Component Spouses (RCSS) is the primary source for reliable and generalizable data on the effects of military life on military spouses and their families and the effectiveness of current programs and policies related to military families. The survey is designed to enhance understanding of how spouse and family resilience impact Reserve component force readiness and retention, and is also an indicator informing the effectiveness of programs and policies under the purview of DoD's Military Community and Family Policy Department. Without this biennial survey, DoD would not have current data to guide limited resources to the appropriate programs, policies, and services related to reserve component spouses, their families and ultimately Service members.

This survey provides an opportunity for military spouses to directly expand policy maker's knowledge by sharing opinions on issues that directly affect them. Success of current efforts, the impact of activations and deployments, and opportunities to identify areas of need are captured via this biennial survey. These survey results ensure that policy-making decisions are based on

current and statistically reliable data regarding the lived experiences of Reserve component families.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Individuals or households

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS: 18,175 hours

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 72,700

RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT: 1

ANNUAL RESPONSES: 72,700

AVERAGE BURDEN PER RESPONSE: 15 minutes

FREQUENCY: On occasion

Dated: January 19, 2022.

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